North Transfer Station

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Open Space Planning Community Meeting

October 26, 2011

Welcome

Why are we here today?

- To learn more about the future of the North Transfer Station
- To collaborate with SPU on the design of the open space around the transfer station
- To provide input on the current open space conceptual designs

WELCOME

Meeting Agenda

- **6:45-7:15 p.m.** Presentation and brief Q&A
- **7:15-8 p.m.** Workshop
- **8-8:30 p.m.** Open house

PROJECT BACKGROUND

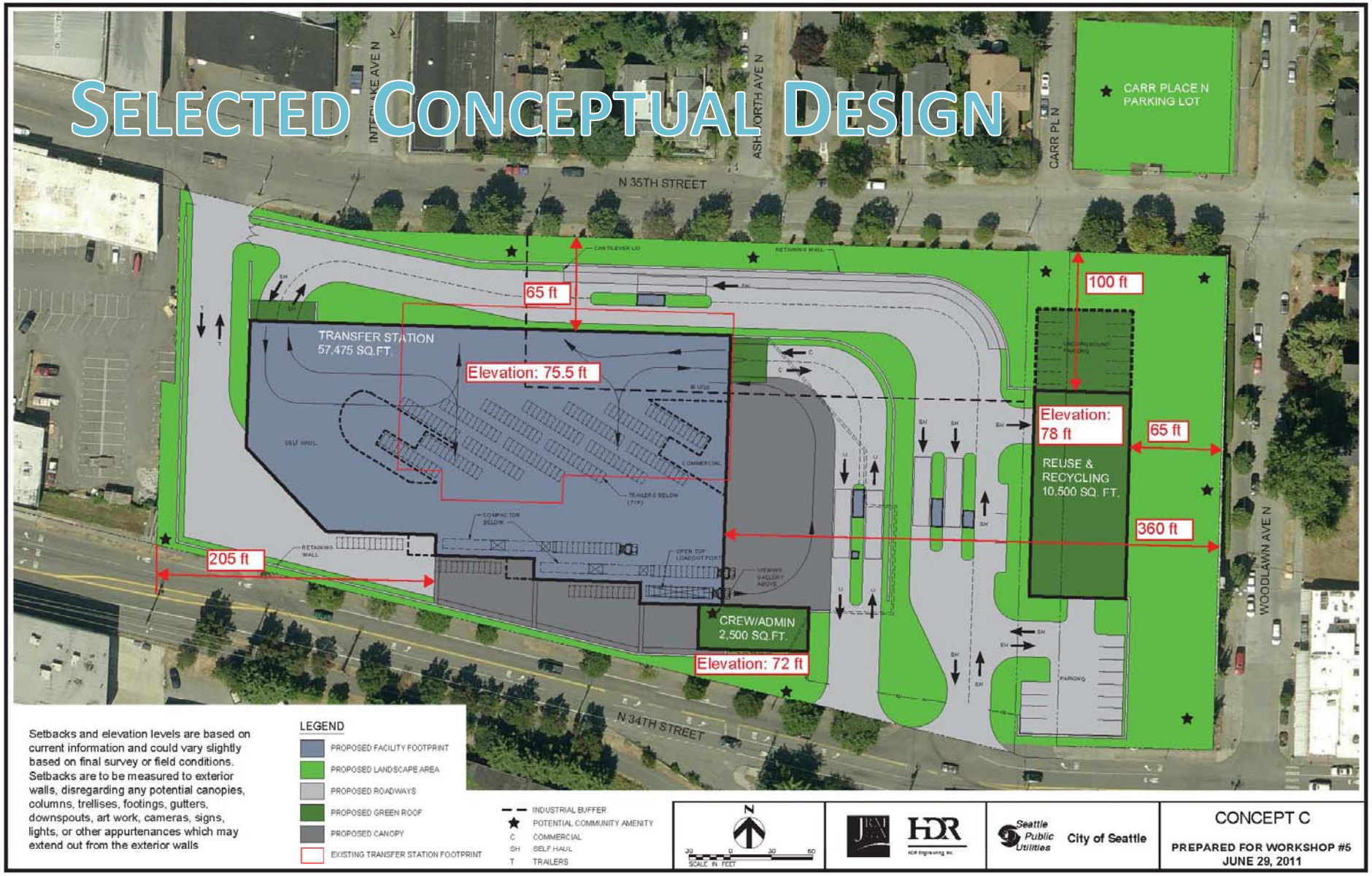
The Project

- The current station is too small, outdated and inflexible for current and future needs
- SPU worked with the community to develop a design concept for the station
- The selected design concept includes a large area of open space for the community
- Now, the City is working with the community to determine how to use the open space

TRANSFER STATION CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

- SPU formed a stakeholder group of community members, station users, and neighbors in 2008
- The group helped shape the development of the concepts while narrowing the list down to two concepts which the community viewed at a public meeting
- In May 2011, the stakeholder group selected their preference and wrote a recommendations report outlining their preferred concept, design guidelines, and amenities

SELECTED CONCEPTUAL DESIGN



WHY IS THERE OPEN SPACE?

- The selected conceptual design requires zoning changes and the vacation (closing) of Carr Place N between N 34th and N 35th streets
- Vacating a City street requires SPU, as the owner of the properties, to obtain approval from the Seattle Department of Transportation and the City Council
- When the public right of way is vacated, the project proponent must provide an offsetting community benefit
- Working with the community, the design team was able to create a conceptual design concept that includes as much green space as possible

PROGRAMMING THE OPEN SPACE

Stakeholder Group Recommendation Report, May 2011

1. Replace the parking lot at Carr Place N and N 35th Street with community open space…
2. Pedestrian amenities along N 34th Street, Woodlawn Avenue N and N 35th Street…
3. An active, publicly accessible green roof over the north underground parking lot of the reuse and recycling building…
4. Crosswalk warning lights and/or curb bulbs at N 34th Street and a crosswalk at N 35th Street and Woodlawn Avenue N.
5. A green space around perimeter for community use.
6. A viewing room/education area for the public and school children.

The Green Group

- SPU formed a group of near neighbors, community members and landscape architects to help guide the design of the open space
  - Erika Bigelow, Wallingford Community Council and neighbor
  - Norm Davis, neighbor
  - Teresa Donovan, Fremont Community School administrator
  - Allison Hogue, Wallingford Community Council and neighbor
  - Ted Hunter, Wallingford Community Council
  - Kristin Kildall, community member and landscape architect
  - Guy Peckham, neighbor and landscape architect
  - Erik Pihl, Fremont Neighborhood Council
  - Nancy Rottle, neighbor and landscape architect
  - Kathy Stetz, community member, master gardener
  - Lori Tang, neighbor and landscape architect

The Green Group Process

- Working with a landscape architect to develop open space concepts
- At the first meeting, members of the Green Group shared their vision for the open space.
- At the second meeting, the landscape architect presented five concepts. The Green Group members provided feedback and found common preferences and discussed their least favorable elements.

Concepts Previously Reviewed

Conceptual Design - Twine

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Conceptual Design - Terrace

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Next Steps

- Final Green Group meeting:
  - Monday, Nov. 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Lake Washington Rowing Club)
  - Consider community input
  - View updated concepts based on community input
  - Recommend a final concept
- Design 2012-2013
- Construction 2014-2015

QUESTIONS?